

Imparting training to the  
Police Patils

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,  
Home Department,  
Circular No.BVP 3665/49070/POL-8  
Mantralaya, Bombay-400 032, 22nd August 1984.

C I R C U L A R

Under the Maharashtra Village Police Act, 1967, Police Patils are appointed in every village as Government representatives for keeping liaison between Government and its ~~rural~~ rural subject and in that capacity they have to perform, inter alia, the police function of maintaining law and order in the village. Government ~~has~~ had, under Government Resolution, Home Department, No.BVP 3665/49070/VI, dated the 14th January 1970, issued orders for imparting suitable training to the Police Patils by the Taluka Executive Magistrates with the help of competent Police Officers not below the rank of Police Sub-Inspector, within one year of the date of appointment of the Police Patils. Government had also directed that the training should be arranged in phases and that after every three years the Police Patils should undergo refresher course. According to the reports received by Government, such training courses were held in the first two phases in the years 1970 and 1973. However, it has now come to the notice of Government that after the initial response, no steps were taken by the ~~authorities~~ concerned authorities for the implementation of Government orders, with the result that the Police Patils appointed thereafter have not received any training.

2. It is observed that the Police Patils, since they do not possess higher education, are often unable to discharge their functions with the expected standard of efficiency and the omissions they leave in preparing Panchnama, First Information Report, etc., often undermine the prosecution cases. It has, therefore, become absolutely necessary to train them at least in their basic police functions and make them aware of the provisions of law with which they are concerned. Government, therefore, directs that all District Magistrates should ensure that the training as contemplated in the aforesaid Government Resolution, dated the 14th January 1970, is imparted to the Police Patils regularly. Government further directs that these training programmes should be conducted every year in batches lasting for 2 to 3 days and each Taluka Executive Magistrate should decide the place and time of the training in consultation with the concerned Police Officers.

3. Government has published a booklet giving comprehensive guidelines on the duties and responsibilities of the Police Patils and under Government Letter, Home Department, No.BVP 3665/49070/VIII-P, dated the 28th April 1977 the Divisional Commissioners were directed to supply all the Police Patils with the said booklet. While imparting training, this booklet may prove useful for teaching the salient features of the duties and responsibilities of the Police Patils. However, the stress should be given on the practical knowledge of drafting First Information Report and Panchanama, gathering of intelligence of crimes, etc., as well as basic ~~civic~~ civic duties.

4. Government desires that these instructions should be scrupulously followed and report should be submitted to Government about conduction of the training courses at regular intervals.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

  
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Government of Maharashtra.

To,

The Director General ~~and~~ of Police, ~~and~~  
State of Maharashtra, Bombay (by letter),

All Divisional Commissioners,

All District Magistrates,

All Commissioners of Police (except Greater Bombay),

All Superintendents of Police,

The Revenue & Forest Department.

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